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WEEKLY STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under contract with Government, will despatch the s. s. COMMILLA, 860 Tons, 130 H.P., Commander J. C. Shaw, on MONDAY, the 25th December 1876, at 4 P.M., calling at Ratnagherry, Vingorla, Goa, C-rwar, Mangalore, Cannanore, Tellicherry, Calicut, Beypore, Cochin, Alleppey, Colochel Tuticorin, Colombo, Negapatam, Pondicherry, Madras, Muscutlipat-m, Coconada, Vizagapatam, Bimlipatam, Gopalore, False Point, and at any other place where inducement offers.

Cargo for Singapore and China can be booked fortnightly by the steamers on this line hence or from intermediate ports for transhipment at Galle by the Steamers of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes de la France which run regularly.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

WEEKLY STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF, VIA KURRACHEE.

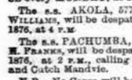
Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Bussorah, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company or other Steamers.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch the s. s. AKOLA, 577 Tons, 130 H. P., Commander T. M. Williams, on FRIDAY, the 22nd December 1876, at 4 P.M., to the PERSIAN GULF, touching at KURRACHEE, GWADER, JASK BUNDERABBAS, LINGA, BUSHIRE, FAO, BUSREH, and occasionally at BAHREIN and MAHOMERAH.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

BI-WEEKLY STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.



THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will, during the Fair Season, despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every FRIDAY, at 4 P.M., and an Extra Steamer on every MONDAY, at 2 P.M.

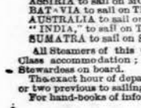
The s.s. AKOLA, 577 Tons, 130 H. P., Commander T. M. Williams, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 22nd December 1876, at 4 P.M.

The s.s. PACHUMBA, 860 Tons, 136 H.P., Commander T. H. Frames, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 25th December 1876, at 2 P.M., calling at Verawul, Pore Bunder, Mangrole and Catch Mandvie.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY VIA SUEZ CANAL.



ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. R. RUBATTINO & Co., GENOA.

THE REGULAR STEAMERS LEAVE GENOA and BOMBAY on the 24th, on the 1st *of each month.*

PASSENGERS' RATES.

(Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	
Aden	£22	£15	£4	Without food.
Suez	36	22	8	
Port Said	...	24	9	
Messina	50	34	14	
Naples	50	34	14	
Leghorn	50	34	14	
Genoa	50	34	14	
Marseilles	52	35	14-10	

Including Wines

Children under 3 years—free of charge. Children not above years—half fare.

NEXT STEAMERS FROM BOMBAY :—

SUMATRA to sail on MONDAY, 1st January 1877.
ASSIRIA to sail on MONDAY, 15th January 1877.
BAT-VIA to sail on THURSDAY, 1st February 1877.
AUSTRALIA to sail on THURSDAY, 1st March 1877.
"INDIA," to sail on THURSDAY, 15th March 1877.
SUMATRA to sail on SUNDAY, 1st April 1877.

All Steamers of this Company have large First and Second Class accommodation; and always carry a Doctor and a Stewardess on board.

The exact hour of departure will be fixed and published a day or two previous to sailing.

For hand-books of information, rates of freight, &c., apply to

C. GRONDONA,
Agent Rubattino Steam Navigation Company,
No. 9, Hummum Street.

Bombay, 20th December 1876.

WANTED.

WANTED, A BANDMASTER for H. M.'s 4th Regiment N. I. (Rifles), Satara. Applications, with Copies of Testimonials, to be addressed to THE BAND PRESIDENT.

STANLEY CARTER, Captain,
Band Secretary, 4th Rifles.

Satara, 6th December 1876.

HOTELS.

MALABAR HOTEL, BREACH CANDY, BOMBAY.

ADJACENT to the Sea and Swimming Baths. Half hour's drive from the Fort.

Situation the most healthy and beautiful and the accommodation superior to any other Hotel in Bombay.

TERMS—Rs. 5 PER DAY (NO EXTRAS.)

Special arrangements for lengthened periods.

W. H. SARGENT, Proprietor.

THE "STAR AND GARTER" HOTEL, 57, HORNBY ROW, BOMBAY,

(Near the G. I. P. Railway Terminus.)

THIS First Class HOTEL is being rapidly prepared for the reception of Visitors and the Public generally, and WILL BE OPENED on 1st January 1877, under the personal management of Mr. WILLIAM SMITH, the well-known Caterer, late of the P. and O. Company's service.

12th December, 1876.

ALEXANDRA HOTEL AND PINTO'S HOTEL, MATHERAN.

MR. J. C. PINTO, the Proprietor of the both Hotels, begs to inform the Public that the above Hotels are now OPEN to VISITORS. There are seven separate Bungalows attached to the Hotels well adapted for Families, for whose comfort every care is taken. The Hotels are well situated, occupy a central position, and are, therefore, very conveniently placed within the reach of several POINTS. They are also nearest to the Station and in a breezy locality under the shade of large trees, which diminish the glare and keep the extensive compound always fresh and cool. Mr. Pinto undertakes to look after Bungalows on the Hill at a charge of Rs. 30 per annum, also some BUNGALOWS TO LET.

WINDSOR CASTLE HOTEL, No. 40, PAREL ROAD.

MR. M. KAUFMANN begs to inform the Public that the abovementioned Hotel will be opened on the 10th instant. The Hotel has been entirely new finished, has a splendid Bar, Sitting and Dining Rooms, and all accomodation suitable for a First Class Hotel.

The Wines, Liquors and Spirits are all of the very best quality, and the Proprietor will do his best to please his Customers and deserve their entire satisfaction.

The Hotel is situated very near the Sir Jamsetjee Hospital and only a few minutes' walk from the Byculla Railway Station and only a few minutes' walk from the Byculla Railway Station

M KAUFMANN, Proprietor

SHIPPING.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

THE following or other first-class Vessels will be despatched for EUROPE :—

Vessels.	Tons.	H.P.	Captains.	From Liverpool.	Dec. 1876. From Bombay.
VENETIA	2726	450	E Ashdown		26th—Suez, &c. Jan. 1877.
SIAM	3009	500	N.W.Haselwood.	1st—Southampton.	
AVOCA	1482	250	E. G. Stead	8th—Suez, &c.	
GWALIOR	2723	450	J. C. Babot	15th—Southampton.	
MALWA	2933	450	P. S. Tomlin	22nd—Suez, &c.	
THIBET	2503	400	N. Stewart	29th—Southampton. Feb. 1877.	
NIZAM	2725	450	A. E. Barlow	5th—Suez, &c.	
SURAT	3141	533	G. C. Burne	12th—Southampton.	

Passengers are booked to Malta, Gibraltar, and Southampton by every Mail. The Southampton Steamers proceed to that port direct; but by the alternate Steamers Passengers change vessels at Suez.

Passengers to Brindisi, Ancona, and Venice are carried by every Steamer, but proceed by rail from Suez to Alexandria.

Heavy Baggage must be sent to Mazagon on the day of the Steamer's departure, before 10 A.M., in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon, at 3 P.M. precisely, on the day of sailing.

GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.

Bombay, 2nd December 1876.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA AND JAPAN.

On TUESDAY, the 26th Dec. 1876, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

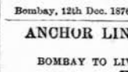
THE P. and O. Co.'s S.S. LOMBARDY, (2,723 Tons and 450 H. P.), Captain W. B. Hall, will be despatched as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of Opium, the Officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's Office before Noon, on SATURDAY, the 23rd December 1876.

GEORGE F. HENRY,
Bombay, 12th Dec. 1876. Superintendent.

ANCHOR LINE—INDIAN SERVICE.

BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL, VIA SUEZ CANAL.



THE following or other First Class Steamers of the ANCHOR LINE will sail from GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL to PORT SAID, SUEZ, and BOMBAY, and from BOMBAY SUEZ, PORT SAID, GIBRALTAR, and LIVERPOOL :—

Vessels.	Commanders.	Tons.	H.P.	From Liverpool.	From Bombay. 1877.
EUROPA	Jas. Harris	2277	424	18th Nov.	3rd Jan.
INDIA	Geo. Read	2289	500	23rd Dec.	7th Feb.
MACEDONIA	Jas. Laird	2272	486	6th Jan.	21st Feb.

And regularly thereafter, further sailings being arranged according to the requirements of the trade.

All the Steamers of this Line carry a SURGEON and a STEWARDESS, and have superior First-class accommodation, fitted with every convenience.

Passengers and Cargo booked through to New York in connection with the Anchor Line Trans-Atlantic Service.

FARES FROM BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL.

FIRST CLASS ..... Rs. 500

A reduction of 15 per cent. will be given on Return Passages to all who re-embark by Anchor Line Steamers within twelve months of time of landing.

For Passage, Freight, &c., apply to

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents.

N.B.—If sufficient inducement offers the Steamers of this line will make Naples a regular port of call.

HALL LINE OF STEAMERS.

BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL.
(VIA SUEZ CANAL.)

The following fine powerful Steamers will sail from Bombay as under :—

	From Liverpool.	From Bombay.
S.S. CITY OF BALTIMORE	—	23rd December.
" CHILDWALL HALL	28th Nov.	10th January.
" TRENTHAM HALL	16th Dec.	24th January.
" BRANKSOME HALL	13th Jan.	28th February

THESE Steamers have been especially built for the Bombay Trade, and have already become known for their speed. The Saloon and Cabins are handsomely got up, and a Surgeon and Stewardess are carried by all the Steamers of the Line.

FARES FROM BOMBAY.

First Class.

TO LIVERPOOL ..... Rs. 500

For Rates of Passage Money and for any further particulars apply to

N. B.—These steamers unvariably sail punctually.

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 30th September 1876.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
ANCHOR LINE.
BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL VIA NAPLES.

THE (S. S.)INDIA, Captain Geo. Read, sailing on the 7th February, and all the following steamers of this Line will call at Naples, till further notice.

FARES, BOMBAY TO NAPLES.

First Class..... Rs. 400.

Passengers' heavy baggage will be taken on to Liverpool without any Extra Charge and will, if required, be forwarded thence to any part of the United Kingdom or America by the Agents at Liverpool.

For Passage, Freight or any other particulars Apply to

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 24th November 1876.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
HALL LINE
S. S. CITY OF BALTIMORE, CAPTAIN THOS. COLLINS.

THE above Steamer will sail again for LIVERPOOL on the 23rd instant.

For Passage, &c., apply to

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents.

SALES BY AUCTION.

BENNETT AND COMPANY
No. 4, FORBES STREET.

AUCTION SALE of Valuable and Handsome, Household Furniture, Best Plateware, Rich Glass and Porcelainwares, a first-rate Sweet-Toned Rosewood Harmonium, a Handsome English built light open Carriage, a Bay Australian Cavalry Charger, Military Saddles, a fine collection of choice and rare plants, Calla-diums and Achemene Roots, &c, at Marine Lines, Esplanade.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 22d inst at 1 P.M., Messrs BENNETT and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at his residence at the abovementioned place, the valuable and handsome household furniture, harmonium, carriage, horse, &c, the property of Major T. KETTLEWELL, proceeding to England, the same comprises rich star cut glassware, handsome dinner, dessert, coffee, and breakfast services, best plated ware, hotwater and vegetable dishes, cruet, and toy frames, tea set, ice pitcher, ice bucket, waiter, egg boiler with spirit light, biscuit box, artistically designed epergne with cut glass, dishes and plateau, set spoons and forks, dessert knives and forks in mahogany case, table and chamber candlesticks, sets of cutlery by "William Barton" and "Elkington." Tranter's 5 Chamber's revolver in case, sword, &c., handsome carved blackwood and English mahogany furniture, such as round dining table, side board, dumb waiter, Madras pattern arm chairs, whatnots, circular, pier, folding, writing, and Lady's work tables, easy and folding chair's, conversation sofas, ottoman, a first class sweet toned rosewood harmonium in excellent order, ornament stands, clocks, parian figures, flower vases, hanging and table kerosine lamps, chromolithographs and engravings in gilt frames, English brass four posts bedstead, iron cots, child's iron cots dressing and washing tables, dressing glasses, clothes presses, wardrobe, chest of drawers, hatstands, screens, dispense and cookroom articles, copper cooking utensils, plants, &c.

AT 2 P. M.

An handsome English built 4 seated open carriage, gentleman's and child's saddles.

The property of a Gentleman—

1 handsome English built light Dog Cart.

Full particulars will be given hereafter. Catalogues are published and the property is now on view.

AUCTION SALE OF PRICE & CO.'S SUPERIOR PERFUMERY, &c.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 23 d instant at 2 P.M., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at their rooms, an invoice of Price's celebrated perfumery consisting of bandoline, lip salve nervine for the tooth-ache, cold cream, Alexandria cheray tooth paste, pistachio nut oil, marking ink, gelantine, lily pomatum, marrow oil, bears grease, spirits of hartshorn, hair oil, Price, Gosnell's and Johnstone's old brown Windsor, glycerine and honey soaps, marrow oil, Dr. Wynn's tooth powder, brilliantine, castor oil, pomades, reindeer's marrow, Lisbon orange, wood tooth picks, violet powder, Langdales carbolic dog soap, diamond cement, smelling salts, Macassar and golden oil, Price's naval, military, and juniper Lavender, Rowland's balm of Columbia, best black combs, hair pins, camomile and ringer, assorted colour feather brushes, round fans, Delcroix's powder, subtile, Turkey sponge, hair brushes of various sizes, black and round glass cut balls, glass tablestands, pyramid thermometers, photographs, paper weights with coloured pictures, silver mounted bottles, handsome Paris toilet boxes, highly scented nursery powder, balsam of Copaiba, gold beater's skin, best plated and gilt drinking basins and cups, sweet spirits of nitre, florida water, solution of camphor, triple distilled lavender, old English lavender, toilet vinegar, vegetable extract, essence of geranium, lemon vanilla, almonds, orange, celery and ratifior, eau de cologne, essence jockey club, rondeli ias, and boquet, peppermint, Turkey rhubarb and perfumery of various kinds.

WEEKLY SALE.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 23rd instant, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their rooms, a large quantity of grey and coloured piece goods, &c.

AT 1 P.M.

A handsome English mich cow and calf.

A quantity of photographic kits.

AUCTION SALE of valuable and richly open carved blackwood household furniture, plated, glass, and porcelainware, a Cottage Piano (if not previously disposed of) a handsome English built miniature broughams with pair horse and harness, fine collection of choice and rare plants in pots and tubs, &c., at Middle Colaba.

On FRIDAY the 29th instant at 1 P. M. Messrs. BENNETT and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at his residence at the abovementioned place, the valuable and handsome household furniture, piano, broughsan, horse and harness, &c., the property of S. E. Sculthorpe, Esqr.

Full particulars will be given hereafter. Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view 4 days before the day of sale.

N.B.—The plants will be sold on FRIDAY the 29th December at 7 A. M.

ON COMMISSION SALE.

A lot of American rattan matting and door rugs of various sizes.

BENNETT & Co,

Bombay, 22nd December 1876.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FORT THEATRE.

STAR COMPANY.

TO-NIGHT, FRIDAY, 22ND DECEMBER.

The Performance will commence with the Screaming Farce By J. T. WILLIAMS,

ICI ON PARLE FRANCAIS.

To conclude with the Favourite Burlesque,

ACIS AND GALATEA;

or

THE BEAU! THE BELLE!! AND THE BLACKSMITH!!!

NEW SONGS; SINGLE, DOUBLE, TREBLE DANCES; AND

SONG AND DANCE.

PRICES AS USUAL.

FRAMJEE COWASJEE INSTITUTE, ESPLANADE.

TO-NIGHT,
FRIDAY, 22ND DECEMBER.
DR. LYNN

Will perform for the LAST TIME His great illusion of

TAKING A LIVING MAN TO PIECES AND

RESTORING HIM BY INSTALMENTS.

DR. LYNN Will introduce FOR THE FIRST TIME IN BOMBAY, THE TABLE FLOATING IN MID AIR.

TOWN HALL.
SATURDAY, THE 23RD DECEMBER.
LAST APPEARANCE OF
DR. LYNN,
WITH ENTIRELY NEW PROGRAMME OF WONDERS.

First Class, Rs. 3; Second Class, Rs. 2; Third Class, Re. 1. Reserved Seats may be secured at Messrs. SOUNDY & Co. Carriages may be ordered at 11.

Doors open at 8-30; Performance commences at 9.

Special Tram Cars to Byculla and Colaba after the Performance.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Italian Mail Steamer SUMATRA, Captain Carnara, arrived in Harbour on the 21st instant, are hereby REQUESTED to SEND BILLS of LADING for countersignature and PAY FREIGHT (if any) and apply for DELIVERY ORDERS at the Company's Office, No. 9, Hummum Street, without delay.

All Claims for Short Delivery, &c. must be sent in before the departure of the steamer, otherwise they will not be admitted under any circumstances.

C. GRONDONA,
Agent, Rubattino S. N. Company.

BOMBAY RACES, 1877.
THE 2ND DEALERS' PLATE.

ENTRANCES ON THE 15TH DECEMBER 1876.

Mr. B's	B	A Bantam.
"	B	A C Buttercup.
" Jones's	G	A C Trump.
" Hajee Talob's	G	A H Dadoth.
" Abdool Rizzack bin Wibcocker's	B	A H S-hech.
"	G	A H Dhaman.
"	B	A H Showmian.
" Abdool Moosaim bin Badder's	G	A C Jewon.
" Moosa bin Jowan's	G	A C Khoroco.
" Ali bin Ameer's	B	A C Najeeb.
"	B	A C Wyale.
" H. H. Aga Khan's	B	A H Asfandiar.
" Abdool Raymin's	G	A C Saunterer.
"	B	A H Rainbyr.
" Ebrahim bin Salem's	G	A C Phrmoz.
"	G	A H Whalebone.
Capt. Davison's	B	A C Knight of the Garter.
Mr. Ahmed Adwance's	C	A G Zober.
"	C	A H Nizzar.
" Abdoola bin Salem's	B	A H Basroon.
" Abdool Raymon bin Haleel's	B	A C Full Moon.

HENRY BENN,
Honorary Secretary, W. I. T. C.

21st December, 1876.

NOTICE.—SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Marine Storekeeper at the Bombay Dockyard up to 12 o'clock of the 22nd January 1877, for the SUPPLY by CONTRACT of the ARTICLES specified in the Schedules for One Year from 1st April 1877 to 31st March 1878, or until the date of sanction by Government of new contracts for the year 1878-79.

Tenders to be superscribed, "Tenders for the Supply of Miscellaneous Articles."

Tenders will not be received after the hour named.

Tenders must show a rate for each and every article comprised therein.

Parties may Tender for one or as many complete classes as they please but not for a portion of a class.

Each Tender before being opened must be accompanied with the requisite deposit in cash mentioned in the Schedules.

Each Tenderer must be prepared to supply all articles equal to the samples produced by the Marine Storekeeper, which are sealed and kept at this Office for their inspection.

Persons desirous of undertaking the contract can obtain, on application at this Office, Printed Forms of Tenders, Schedules of the Articles to be supplied, and any further information they may require in connection with the Contract.

G. B'O. CAREW,
Marine Storekeeper.

Marine Storekeeper's Office, Bombay, 21st December 1876.

FANCY STATIONERY.

THE new REPP or RIBBED Note Paper, best Satin Laid, in fancy boxes, with illuminated covers, as follows :—

8vo. CREAM LAID :	
per box of 50 sheets of note paper and 50 envelopes	Rs. 3 12
per box of 5 quires paper only	" 3 12
envelopes, *square*, per box of 100	" 3 0
8vo. AZURE BLUE LAID :	
per box of 50 sheets note paper and 50 envelopes	" 3 12
" of 5 quires paper only	" 3 12
envelopes, *square*, per box of 100	" 3 0
8vo. BLUE LAID, OBLONG SHAPED NOTE :	
per box of 5 quires paper	" 3 12
8vo. IN ASSORTED COLORS :	
per box of 50 sheets paper and 50 envelopes	" 3 12
ALBERT, CREAM LAID :	
per box of 5 quires paper only	" 2 12
ALBERT, AZURE BLUE :	
per box of 5 quires paper only	" 2 12
oblong shaped	" 2 12
ENVELOPES, AZURE BLUE, per 100	" 2 8

THACKER, VINING & CO.

Now Ready.

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN INDIA, AND GOVERNMENT POLICY.

AS EXEMPLIFIED BY THE HISTORY OF THE BOMBAY BARBOUR FORESHORE.

May be had at the *Bombay Gazette* Office.

PRICE ONE RUPEE.

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE.

A LARGE SUPPLY on hand. Usual DISCOUNT to the TRADE.

AGENTS.—D. S. KEMP & Co., BOMBAY.

HOUSEHOLD CLARET.

A SOUND and trustworthy Wine for general table use. Fresh shipment just bottled.

PER DOZEN ..... Rs. 10.

D. S. KEMP & Co,
SASSOON HOUSE, BOMBAY.

CAPTAIN BURTON'S TONIC BITTERS.

USED with invariable benefit and STRONGLY RECOMMENDED by that Eminent Traveller.

Per Bottle—Rs. 2.

D. S. KEMP & Co.,
SASSOON HOUSE, BOMBAY.

LIQUOR CHIRETTINÆ AND SACCHARO-CHIRETTINE

Are prompt and powerful Tonics; adapted to patients of all ages, and incapable of deranging the most delicate functions. In Nervous and Muscular Lassitude and in want of Appetite they are invaluable.

Per Bottle

Liq. Chirettinæ, Rs. 2-8 and Rs. 4-8.
Sacch. Chirettine, " 1-8 and " 2-8.

D. S. KEMP & CO.,
7, ELPHINSTONE CIRCLE, BOMBAY

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TREACHER & COMPANY, LIMITED, BOMBAY AND POONA.
JEWELLERS, &c.

BY APPOINTMENT.

THIS Department of the Company's extensive business receives special care and attention from the management, who confine their dealings to the FIRST CLASS LONDON MANUFACTURE AND QUALITY ONLY, for which the Company have been so long and so favourably known.

By the careful selection of novelties characterised by elegance, neatness, and taste, they trust to confirm and extend the large connection with which they have been favoured during the past FIFTY YEARS.

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TO-NIGHT,
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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

THURSDAY EVENING, 21st DEC. 1876.

PUBLIC opinion at Home yesterday seemed again strongly in favour of peace, Consols having advanced from 95¼ to 95⅞, and French Rentes from 104½ to 105—quotations which could only exist with a very confident feeling as to the ultimate result of the Conference, but the telegram received here this afternoon gives a somewhat less favourable aspect to the position, and to-day's messages will be looked for with interest. The Liverpool Cotton Market shows a decided recovery in tone, Reuter's report of yesterday being very firm, sales 16,000 bales, prices unchanged. Piece Goods in Manchester are only advised as quiet but steady, but Manchester at present follows Liverpool, which in turn is governed by the scale of American receipts and the tendency of political affairs on the Continent. For the time being both of these influences favour the market, the receipts at the ports so far this week being 11,000 bales behind the corresponding four days last year, but they are still 262,000 bales ahead of last season, and it will take a much more decided falling off than there is any sign of yet to bring the ultimate yield down to 4¼, let alone the 4½ million crop, which present prices seem to be based on.

New York telegrams of Tuesday's date still quote Mid. Uplands on the spot at 12¼ cents, but March shipment has advanced from 12⅛ to 12 13/16 cents. per lb. The receipts at the U. S. ports to date are as follows :—

	This week.	Last week	1876	1875	1874
Tuesday's Receipts ...	31,000	28,000	32,000	32,000	
Four days' „ ...	97,000	96,000	108,000	95,000	
Total since 1st Sept. ...	2,327,000	.....	2,065,000	1,912,000	

The Mincing Lane markets are without change of any kind.

The usual weekly biddings for Council Drafts on India took place in London yesterday, resulting in £173,000 being allotted to Calcutta and £27,000 to Madras, at an average of 1s. 9·64d. and £150,000 to Bombay, at an average of 1s. 9·59d.; tenders on Calcutta and Madras at 1s. 9½d. receiving 6 per cent. and on Bombay 12 per cent. of the amounts applied for. Bar Silver in London has undergone a decided decline in sympathy with Councils, Reuter's quotation being 56¾d. per oz. as compared with 56¾d. to 57d. quoted by private messages the previous day. This affords still further proof of what we have lately pointed out—that the previous rise was due more to speculative buying for this side than to any improvement in the position of the Metal in the London market.

The future, to our thinking, becomes therefore somewhat easier to estimate, but there is nevertheless considerable difference of opinion, and the letter from Mr. Hynes, which we published on the 19th instant, and Mr. Kittredge's reply, which appeared this morning, are singularly appropriate at this juncture, reflecting, as they do the opinions of men who have devoted considerable attention to the subject. Mr. Kittredge's contribution is particularly valuable, as he is in a position to throw additional light on the action of the American Government respecting which, Reuter's telegrams, as we pointed out at the time, were apt to cause grave misconception. His remarks on this point coincide with the interpretations we had previously given to the announcements, and show very clearly that nothing the United States Government have yet done would account for the high price which Silver touched ten days ago. With an evident desire, however, to give some reason for the upward movement, he has tabulated the figures of imports and exports given by the Custom House for the ten months ending on 31st October, from which he draws the conclusion that, as compared with the same time last year, we have received 5 millions sterling less in payment of our exports. We have scarcely scope in this column to analyse his figures very closely, but taking them as they stand, we think he has overlooked some points which materially alter their bearing. The principal item, of course, is the reduction in the amount of Council Drafts—amounting to nearly 4 millions—and this Mr. Kittredge enters in the same category as a simple import. In doing so, however, we think he loses sight of the fact, that although equivalent to an importation of silver to the remitter, it stands in a different relation to the financial position of the country. The deficiency this year arose as we know from the Gold Loan issued in London, and was, so to speak, merely a transfer entry between the Government of India and the Secretary of State, postponing the payment to a future date. In the meantime, the equivalent in Silver was not removed from India, but, through enlarging the Government Cash Balances, contributed in some degree to the amount required to finance the trade of the country. We think, therefore, that this item should be taken into consideration, as, in a great measure at least, equivalent to a similar amount of Council Drafts, and if so, the remaining balance Mr. Kittredge himself fully accounts for, although we do not think he has made sufficient allowance for the large excess of imports over exports, which the two months ending 31st December are likely to show. But these arguments after all have reference to the movements of the past season, the result of which we have before us. Mr. Kittredge's figures may show that we ought to have a scarcity of money, but the fact remains that the trade of the year has been financed, and money, so far from being scarcer than at this time last year, is particularly easy, and promises to be so for some time to come. The more interesting enquiry, we think, and one tending to throw more light on the future, would therefore be, to work back from, and account for, the position as it now exists. A great point to be considered, however, is the fact that a large proportion of the trade of a season is financed in advance. The funds now on the way out, for instance, are not to meet previous engagements but in anticipation of the coming season, and it is in relation to 1877 that we should take the last two months of this year, not in connection with the export season of 1876. There can be no question that we commence with the country remarkably bare of exportable produce remaining from previous crops, while the new crops do not promise an export equal to last year. Against this, we have to begin with a liberal supply of funds, and all but a certainty that Council Drafts to the full amounts will be sold, so that our Silver requirements are likely to be considerably under the past season, not to speak of the improbability of China drawing again on us so heavily as it did a few months ago. Unless, therefore, Silver is to be enhanced in value by influences on the other side, we think it is premature to anticipate for the coming season a rise of any importance over its present level, owing to the influence of the trade of this country.

STERLING EXCHANGE to-day has been very steady with a slightly firmer tendency. Our present quotations are very nearly on a level with the cost of laying down Silver, and the Banks, in the absence of any special demand for Bank Bills, do not seem inclined to discount a further decline at the moment. We quote :—

Bank Bills on demand	...1s. 9 19/32d.	per Rupee
Do 6 months' sight	...1s. 9⅛.	„
Credits 3 „	...1s. 9 15/16d.	„
Documents 3 „	...1s. 10d.	„

On Calcutta no transactions of any importance have transpired. Demand drafts we quote at ⅛ to 3/16 premium, 60 days sight at ⅜ per cent. discount.

GOVERNMENT PAPER is quiet but firm. Business has been done in Fives-and-a-half at Rs. 102⅛, and we quote Fours, Rs. 99; Fours-and-a-half Rs. 99

SHARES are dull, but there are no wide fluctuations to note. Bank of Bombays are ¼ per cent. easier, Colaba Land Shares Rs. 5 and Mazagons Rs. 15 per share higher. In Press Companies the only movement is a decline of Rs. 5 in Mofussil Company. Spinning and Weaving Companies are steady. We note an improvement of Rs. 5 in Bombay United, Fleming, Jewraj Balloo, Katao Mueconjee, and Mandvie Spinning. Rs. 10 in Manockjee Petit and Nursey, Rs. 15 in Hindustan, and Rs. 20 in Madras United.

COTTON has been in rather better request today at an advance of Rs. 1 to Rs. 2 per candy. Old Dhollera, fully fair, has been bought at Rs. 182½ and Veravul, Mid. Fair, at Rs. 164 half pressed; Good Fair New Omrawuttee, January delivery, at Rs. 192; Fully Good Fair, Rs. 196; Fully Good Fair ready at Rs. 199; and F. G. F. to good, ready, at Rs. 203 per candy full-pressed.

FREIGHTS are steady at £2 2 6 for Cotton by steamer to Liverpool, at which engagements have been made. By sail there is no business to report.

PIECE GOODS are steady and a fair demand prevails in the Bazaar at former prices, chiefly for Grey Shirtings. From first hands few sales are reported, and indent business is particularly quiet.

COALS are steady at yesterday's prices. A fair enquiry prevails for Davison's West Hartley at Rs. 17¼, but buyers are holding for Rs. 17½ to Rs. 17⅔ per ton alongside.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS

Banks	No. of Shares.	Nomi. Value p. sh.	Paid up.	Last Dividend.	Cash. Rates per Share.
		Rs.	Rs.	p. a.	
Agra Bank	100,000	100	all	5 p. ct	102
Bank of Bengal	40,000	500	all	10 do.	710
Bank of Bombay	20,000	500	all	10 do.	693½
Bank of Madras.....	10,000	500	all	8 do.	640
Ch ntered Mercantile Bank of I. L. & China.	30,000	250	all	8 do.	275
Hong. & Shanghai Bank.	40,000	125	all	8 do.	5.0
Chartered Bank of India and China	40,000	200	all	5 do.	175
National Bank of India.	37,320	250	125	6 do.	100
Oriental Bank.....	60,000	250	all	10 do.	4.5 xd.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

H. M. S. SLOP ARAB, 700 tons, and 656 h. p., with 4 guns, Captain Broughton, sailed yesterday for Rangoon.

THE SHIP G. F. MANSON 1,679 tons, Captain C. R. Humphrey, will sail to-day for Diamond Island, in ballast.

THE B. I. S. N. Co's s. s. CANARA, 1220 tons, Captain T. Sanders, arrived in harbour yesterday from Coast and Calcutta (November 25th), with a general cargo and the following passengers :— H. E. the Governor General of Goa. Major d' Abbuquerque, Lieut. Arez, Lieut. Lucerda, A. D. C., Lieut. Passos, A. D. C., and seven servants, Col. Thomson and servant, Capt and Mrs. Ashdown and servant, and thirteen deck passengers.

MESSRS. R. RUBATTINO & Co's s. s. SUMATRA, 1382 tons, Captain G. Caboara, arrived in harbour yesterday from Genoa (November 24th), via Leghorn, Naples, Messina, Port Said, Suez, Aden, via the Suez Canal, with the following cargo :—From Bordeaux—7 barrels, 7 casks and 839 cases wine, 7 barrels, 4 casks and 5785 cases brandy, 20boxes fruit, 142 packages corks, 10 cases peppermint, 1 case bons bon, 10 cases plums, 8 cases butter 25 cases champagne, and 2 cases amonia. From Marseilles.—49 packages on merchandize, 1 box and 2 cases medecine, 33 cases vermouth. 20 cases fruits, 9 cases liquor, 4 cases marblewave, 58 packages apples, 81 packages piece goods, and 2 packages papers. From Leghorn.—3 cases oil and 1 case merchandise. From Naples —2 cases wine, 2 cases fruits, 40 cases apples, and 3 cases goods. From Port Said—2 boxes wine, and 6 packages cloves. From Suez—5 boxes wine. From Aden.—39 packages merchandise, 145 packages gun, 59 packages incense, 1 package ivory, 19 packages munjeet, and 2,868 bags pumice. She brought the following passengers :—From Genoa—Major and Mrs. Strong, Mr. Rathwushn Chetti, Mr. Howard Barton, Revd. R. Clark and wife, Mons. Lisatur, Mr. Clark's servant. Mr. Clark. From Naples—Captain and Mrs Wemyss, Viscount Downe, Countess Downe and one English Governess, Mr. Hessjee, Ardaseer C. Dady. Col P. R. Maunsetti. From Suez—Mr. A. C. Marchi. From Port Said. Mr. Mahomed and one friend. From Aden—Shaik Abdoola, Duff-dar Arab, one friend, 3 women—4 children, Mr. Itoo, Mr. Amed bin Mahomed, Moola K. E. Dhin and one friend.

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessels.	Commanders.	Destination.
21	Sumatra (s).....	Caboura.....	Genoa, Nov 24.
	Canara(s).....	Sanders.....	Calcutta, Nov 25.
	Zambesi (s)	Symons.....	Southampton, Nov 28.

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessels.	Commanders.	Destination.
21	Walter D. Wallet	Hatfield	Calcutta.
	Favourite	Ben lick	Diamond Island.
	City of Halifax	Short	St. Nazaire.
	H. M. S. Arab	Broughton	Rangoon.

The ship G. F. Manson, Humphrey, to Diamond Island, obtained her port clearance yesterday.

The following vessels were entered out for loading yesterday:—
Steamer Sumatra, to Genoa, &c.
Steamer Arabia, to Kurrachee.
Steamer Commilla, to Coast and Calcutta.

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

Dec.			
17	Atholl (s).....	Thomson	Madras, 13th December.
	Naples (s).....	Eaton.....	Madras, 13th December.
	City of Boston	Crosby.....	Bombay, 26th October.

DEPARTURES.

Dec.			
17	Ambassador	.....	.....
	Japan	.....	.....

REMARK.

Madras, 16th, 19-25—H M S Tenasserim sailed for Calcutta

PASSENGER.

THE CITY OF BOSTON—Mrs Crosby.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Dec.			
17	Howsang's).....	.....	Calcutta.
18	Peshawur (s)	.....	Calcutta.
	Ethiopia (s).....	.....	Calcutta.
	Oriental (s)	.....	Rangoon and N Ports.

DEPARTURES.

Dec.			
18	Mecca (s)	.....	Calcutta.
	Peshawar (s)	.....	Southampton.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

To Madras—Mrs Chamberlain, Mr McIver, Mr Robertson and servant, Mr G B Conder, and two servants.

PER S. S. ETHIOPIA—From Calcutta—Two Syces, two women and three children, and two natives.

From Gopaulpore,—H H the Rajah of Kemedy and nine followers.

From Vizagapatam—Mrs Lyster, Mr Estall and two servants, Hospital Asst. A. Manimuthu one Subadar, and one servant, one Havildar, six privates and two recruits, seventeen adults, and one boy.

PER S. S. ORIENTAL—From Rangoon—Mr P P Permaul.
From Masulipatam—Mr R A Thompson.

PASSENGERS SAILED.

PER S. S. MECCA—From Madras to Cocanada—Mr A C Benéck.
To Vizagapatam.—Mr A Cadell and Mr J Bond.
To Bimlipatam—Mr W C Shaw and wife.
To Calcutta—Mr Levy.
PER S. S. PERAMBUR—From Madras to Southampton—Capt S E R Butler and Mr Kerrouse.
To Galle—Mr Kenneth McKean and servant.

ADEN.

ARRIVALS.

Nov.			
8	Vestal, H M S, Hand. from Bombay.		
29	Aristocrat, ss, Borwick, from Newcastle.		
Dec. 2	Djafferia E, ss, Mansour, from Berbara.		
6	Khadive, ss, Steward, from Southampton.		
7	Venetia, ss, Babot, from Venice.		
7	Anadyr, ss, Butler, from Shanghai.		
8	Mars, ss, Brusewitch, from Bombay.		
8	Flora, ss, Radeglia, from Suez.		
8	Australia, ss, Bozoni, from Bombay.		
8	Crease, F T, ss, Villet, from Toulon.		
8	Kwang Tung, I G S, Campbell, from Macalla.		
9	Holland, ss, Jaski, from Newdiep.		
10	Martaban, ss, Barlow from Foochow.		
10	Seine, ss, Manning, from Bombay.		
10	Gunga, ss, Garceau, from Jeddah.		
10	Nerani, ss, Mathven, from Bombay.		
11	Aveyron, F T, ss, De Watrs, from Saigon.		
11	Aurora, ss, Munitz, from Manilla.		
11	Sumatra, ss, Caboara, from Genoa.		

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Dec.			
6	Aristocrat, ss, Borwick, to Bombay.		
7	Khedive, ss, Steward, to Calcutta.		
7	Venetia, ss, Babot, to Bombay.		
8	Anadyr, ss, Butler, to Marseilles.		
8	Mars, ss, Brusewitch, to Trieste.		
8	Australia, ss, Bozoni, to Genoa.		
9	Djafferia, E, ss, Mansour, to Berbara.		
10	Crease, F T, ss, Villet, to Aden.		
10	H. Hand. ss, Jaski, to Batavia.		
10	Martaban, ss, Barlow, to London.		
10	Flora, ss, Radeglia, to Jeddah.		
11	Seine, ss, Manning, to London.		
11	Gunga, ss, Garceau, to Singapore.		
11	Nerani, ss, Mathven, to London.		
11	Aveyron, F T, DeWatre, to Toulon.		
11	Aurora, ss, Munitz, to Liverpool.		
12	Sumatra, ss, Caboara, to Bombay.		

VESSELS IN HARBOUR.

Vestal, H M S, Hand. from Bombay.
Kwang Tung, I G S, Campbell, from Maccalls.

VESSELS IN BOMBAY HARBOUR.

FOR LONDON VIA CANAL.

187 Siam (s), Hasselwood,—Mails, 1st January.

FOR LIVERPOOL VIA CANAL.

958 Aristocrat (s), Berwick—W. Nicol & Co.
1444 City of Baltimore (), Collins—W. and A. Graham & Co.

FOR HAVRE.

667 Albert Ehrensvard, Bredslins—W Nicol & Co.
1130 Oneida, Eaton—D. Merwanjee & Co.

FOR VENICE.

1728 Venetia (s), Ashdown—Mails, 25th December.

FOR GENOA &c.

1382 Sumatra (s), Caboara—C. Cavadona.

FOR HULL.

1756 Shakespeare, MacGregor—Finlay, Muir & Co.

FOR UNITED KINGDOM.

1265 Lady Cairns, Carnell Ritchie, Steuart & Co.

FOR UNITED KINGDOM OR CONTINENT.

768 Chile, Ward—W. Nicol & Co.
797 Crawfell Appleby—Finlay, Muir & Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

1067 Calipso (s), Egger—Austrian Lloyd Co.

FOR AKYAB.

830 Eagle, Hardcastle—Volkart Brothers.
196 Queen's Cliff, Davies.

FOR HONGKONG.

1726 Lombardy (s), Hall—Mails, 26th December.

FOR CALCUTTA.

990 Allum Ghier, Williams.
1238 Cashmere, Thompson—N. Manockjee & Co.
1311 Glenmorgan (s), Law—Ewart Latham & Co.
1962 Hamilton, Ros—Farnham & Co.
1035 Lorne (s), Butcher—Volkart Brothers.
1243 Lady Allan, Rickmers—Rickmers.

FOR MOULMEIN.

1072 Sea Flower, Garrick—Wallace & Co.

FOR COCHIN.

101 Mahi, Nacoda, D, B. Khan.

FOR DHUMRAH.

204 Akbar, Watts—M. Nusserwanjee.

FOR ZANZIBAR.

470 Mathilde, Nacoda.

FOR RICE PORTS.

1361 Astoria, Potter.
581 Charles Forbes, Low.
845 Diulio, Bozzo.
1147 Euterprise, Lewis.
1179 George F Manson, Humphery.
1092 Wheatlandside, Sutherland.

NOT FIXED.

1215 Canute, Evans—Finlay, Muir & Co.
909 City of Canton, Latter—Ritchie, Steuart & Co.
1220 Canara (s), Sanders—B. I. S. N. Co.
523 Hooper, Shaw Stilliek, Nixon & Co.
1443 Harmonia, Small—D. Merwanjee & Co.
1610 Ivanhoe, Herriman.
1205 Northumberland, Sandrais.
1183 Pegasus, Powell.
1064 Zebra, Stitch.
1547 Zambesi (s), Symons—P. & O. Co.

ROYAL NAVY AND BOMBAY MARINE.

874 Abyssinia (s), 4, James—(Harbour Defence.)
1081 Daphne (s), 5, Evans—(In Dock.)
300 Hugh Rose (s), 3, Downing.
4173 Jumna (s), D'Cruy.
1107 Magdala (s), 4, James—(Harbour Defence.)
Thetis (s), Ward.
3039 Undaunted (s), 31, Fanshawe—(Flagship.)

FRENCH NAVY.

Surcouf (s), 4, Roquet.

DAILY EXPORTS.—DECEMBER 21.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

City of Baltimore s—325 cwts myrobollans, W and A Graham and Co; 42 bales cotton, Ritchie Steuart and Co; 8 bales cotton, H Clasen and Co.; 130 bales wool, Nursey Khuttow; 133 bales cotton, W and A Graham and Co; 200 bales cotton, Goculdass and Co; 69 bales cotton, Muthuredass Nuthoo; 100 bales hem, Ruchordass Vithuldass; 18 bales wool, Kessowjee Toolseedass; 50 bales wool, Goculdass Toolseedass; 4 bales cotton and 30 bales wool, Bhimjee Nuthoo.
Aristocrat, s.—6 cases tea, Forbes and Co; 2 casks cocanut oil, Mathews Martin; 1,000 bales cotton, W Nicol and Co.

FOR LONDON.

Siam s—7 bales hides, Abraamvitz and Co; 27 bales hides, Nanseebhoy Allarakhia; 11 bales skins, 306 bags coffee, 43 bales senna, and 18 cases coir, P and O S N Co; 10 cases fishmaws, Jairazbhoy Peerbhoy.

FOR GENOA.

Sumatra s—28836 cwts wheat, Volkart Bro here.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Venetia s—750 cwts teaseed, Ewart Latham and Co

FOR VENICE.

Calipso s—200 bales cotton, E Spitzner and Co.
Venetia s—150 bales cotton, J A B sochock and Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Calipso s—104 cwts chirayeeta, M Mendolco and Co; 80 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co; 300 bales cotton, Peel Cassels and Co.
Venetia s—50 bales cotton, A Blaschke and Co.

FOR COLAIT.

Sowthell, 240 cwts Bhosas, Geo Luckraft and Co.

FOR MADRAS.

Commilla s—100 bales cotton, Dinshaw Sorabjee and Co.

FOR CALCUTTA.

Glenorgan s—87 bales cotton, Young and Co; 130 bales cotton, Nopechund Nowrungroy; 100 bales cotton, Knoop and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Lombardy s—1 box cowbezoar, Fuck-ermamed Munjee; 2) cases shaikhs and fishmaws, Mercallybhoy Dama; 10 bales cotton waste, Eduljee Nusserwanjee; 121 cwts oilbaumm, Lalji-bhoy Ludha; 54 cwts oilbaumm; Hajee bhoy Ladjee; 27 bales twist, Hajee Abdoola Noormahomed; 7 bales twist, E D Sassoon; 21 chests opium, Jairazbhoy Peerbhoy; 36 chests opium, E D Sassoon; 72 bales twist, Ludhabhoy Ebram; 9 case peacock feather and 24 bales cotton waste Khanmahomed Hensey; 60 cwts raisen, Mecrallybhoy Dama; 50 packages red rai-ien, Soonderjee Hessawjee; 4 cases pengook feathers, Ruzubally Allyruze; 90 bales twist, Ebrahim Noordin and Co; 115 cases fishmaws and sharkfins, Currimbhoy Ebram; 74 cwts sandlewood. S N. Tulatee; 10 cases fishmaws and sharkfins, Jairazhoy Peerbhoy; 20 chests opium, Soonmuall Govindram.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Lombardy s—23 chests opium, Heeralall Ramgopall; 18 chests opium, Tata and Co; 10 chests opium, Soorumull Govindram.

HIGH COURT.—22ND DECEMBER.

(Before the Honorable SIR CHARLES SARGENT)
Suits for hearing and final disposal.

LONG CAUSES.

187-76—Prescot and Winter—Surrusvatibai widow vs Bhabaoo and others—Balkrishna and Bhugwandass—Part heard
265-75—Mr Fletcher—I M Nicholas and others vs J P DeMello—Bimington H and L and Craicie, Lynch and Owen.
161-76—Jeffreys and Payne—Luximdass Khimjee and another vs Nanabas Parmanandass and another—Trajkus and Sayane.
229-76—Mr Fletcher—neebai vs Pandu Malloo—Balkrishna, and B.

For further direction and costs.
480-75—Macfarlane—Moreejee Topan and others vs Sodhey Vycounth Appa and other—Lynch and Tobin.

(Before the Honourable MR. JUSTICE ATKINSON.)

LONG CAUSES.

480-76—In person—Chand Beebee vs Shaik Adum bin Ali Saheb and another—In person.
688-76—Creigie, Lynch and Owen—Essabhoy Abdoolally and another vs Jumbhoo widow
249-76—In person—Soojee Pomjee vs Malsi Assoo
37-76—Shapoorjee and Thacurdass—Cursetjee Rustomjee C and others vs Horbun Nursey and others—Janardhun and G and M—farlane.
350-76—Shapoorjee and Thacurdass—Sowjee Ramjee vs Vurseenjee Cursonjee
350-76—Rimington, Hore and Langley—Nursey Hirjee vs Versey Currumsey and another—Shapoorjee and Tacurdass and Chalk and Turner.

(Before the Honourable MR. JUSTICE PINHEY.)

LONG CAUSES.

463-76—N N Khotaee—Agarally Esmaeel-en vs Rassoolji Esaj —Bimington, Hore an Langley—Part heard
601-75—Mr Macfarlane—Dalika Gopal vs Sha Sakalchund Nagurdas—J C Camb.
15-76—Jeffreson and Payne—Sha Sakalchund Nagurdass vs Dajika Gopall—Mr Macfarlane.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS—DECEMBER 20.

Keyland, Capt, Bombay 1st Lancers, on duty, from Poona.
Taylor, Col, Bombay Gen List, on leave from Poona.
Maude, C il, Bombay Jud Adjt Genl. on leave, from Poona.
Strong, Mai, Bombay Staff Corps, from furlough from England.
Maunsell, Col, Bengal R E, from leave, from Belgaum.
Barton, Capt, Bengal Comrt Dept, from leave from England.

DEPARTURES.—DECEMBER 20.

C lvin, Capt, Bombay 7th Pusilier, on leave, to Delhi.
Dishrowe, Lieut-Col, Bombay Staff Corps, on duty, to Delhi.

DECEMBER 21.

Utterson, Major, Bombay 15th Regt N I, on leave, to Ahmednuggur.
Dresseur, Sub-Lieut, Bengal 9th Lancers, to Join, to Sealcote.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

BY THE HONOURABLE THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.
(Bombay Government Gazette, December 21.)

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

The undermentioned officer is allowed furlough to Europe for one year, from date of departure, under Rule 9 of the Furlough Regulations of 1868, with the necessary subsidiary leave :—
M J T Kelleher, Capt, S C, Wing Officer 25th Regt N I.
Consequent on the return of Lieut L'Estrange, Asst Comsy Genl, Second Class, from England, from furlough, the following temporary reversions and promotions amongst Commissariat Officers are ordered, to have effect from 12th inst :—
Lieut L'Estrange, Asst Comsy Genl, Second Class, to be Actg Asst Comsy Genl, First Class.
Maj R H M Van Heythuysen, Actg Asst Comsy Genl, First Class, to revert to the Actg Asst Comsy Genl, Second Class
Capt W F Kennedy, Actg Asst Comsy Genl, Second Class, to revert to the grade of Dept Asst Comsy Genl, First class.
Capt W B Seton, Actg Dept Asst Comsy Genl, First Class, to be Actg Dept Asst Comsy Genl, Second Class.
Capt T Teed, Actg Dept Asst Comsy Genl, second class, to revert to the grade of Dept Asst Comsy Genl, First Class.
The undermentioned Officer is allowed furlough to Europe for two years, from date of departure in March next, under Rule 9 of the Furlough Regulations of 1868, with the necessary subsidiary leave :—
Col W D Dickson, S C, Cant Mag, Neemuch.
The undermentioned Officers having completed twenty-six years' service, to be Lt Cols from the date specified, subject to H M's approval :—
Staff Corps—Maj (Bt Lt Col) Henry Pelham Close; Alexander Wardrop; Thomas Bell; Stewart Fellows; and James Arthur Gaye; 11th Dec 1876.
The furlough to Europe for six months granted to Maj Trevor, S C, Depy Collr in Sind, in G G O No 282, dated 12th April 1876, is extended for one day, viz. the 22nd Nov 1876.
Col W F Taylor, Bom'ay Staff, is permitted to proceed to Europe under the Regulations.
The undermentioned Officers having completed twenty years' service, to be Majors from the dates specified, subject to H M's approval :—
Staff Corps—Capt Cornelius Francis James, 12th Dec 1876.
Capts (Bt Majs) Arthur Mark Shewell; James Shrubb Iredell; and George Adolphus Jacob, 13th Dec 1876.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Revd P H LeFeuvre, B A, Chaplain of Rajkot with Bhuj, to be Chaplain of Dharwar. The appointment to have effect at the expiry of the month's privilege leave granted to the Rev Mr LeFeuvre by Notification of the 13th inst.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Capt R Graham Mayne is confirmed in the appointment of Agent for the Improvement of the Breed of Horses in Kattywar, with effect from the 1st Sept last, and of Wadhwan.
Surgn-Majs H R Maddogal and P W Cock-ll respectively delivered over and received charge of the medical duties of the Dutch Agency on the 8th instant, before office hours.
Mr H E Winter and Maj G G C West-opp respectively delivered over and received charge of the Office of Asst Political Agent in Southern Mahratta Country, on the 12th inst, in the afternoon.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr S N Tagore, Actg Judge and Sessions Judge at Ahmedabad, is allowed privilege leave of absence for one month and twenty-five days from such date after the 20th inst, as he may avail himself of it.
Mr J W Walker to act as Judge and Sessions Judge at Ahmedabad during the absence of Messrs Tagore, or until further orders. On being relieved by Mr Tagore, Mr Walker will revert to his present appointment as Acting Asst Judge and Sessions Judge at Ahmedabad.
Messrs W M P Cochlan and W Wedderburn respectively delivered over and received charge of the Office of Judge and Sessions Judge of Thana on the 11th instant, before office hours.
Mr W Walton, Cotton Inspr, Southern Mahratta Country, is appointed, as a temporary measure, to be a Mag of the Second Class in the List of Dharwar under Sec 37 of Act X of 1872.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Mr Ramchandra Sakharam, Mamlatdar of Sholapur, to be an Extra Dist Depy Collr in that Dist. as a temporary measure.
Messrs J L Laird and G L Gibson, Asst Conservs of Forests, second grade, are promoted to the first grade, with effect from 8th October 1875 and 10th November 1876, respectively.
Mr W P Symonds, C S, is placed under the orders of the Revenue and Police Commr, N D.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr S W Tendall, First Class Depy Collr and Mag in Sind, has been allowed by the Sec of State for India an extension of leave for six months on sick certificate.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Capt G M Crnickshank, RE, received charge of the Office of the Ex Engr for Irrigation Ahmedabad, from Lieut-Col H M G Goldie, RE, on the afternoon of the 1st Dec 1876.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—(IRRIGATION).

Messrs J E Whiting, CE, and W Clarke, CE, respectively delivered over and received charge of the Office of the Exr Engr for Irrigation Poona, on the 23rd Nov 1876.
Mr C T Burke CE, assumed charge of the Office of the Exr Engr for Irrigation, Sholapur and Ahmednagar, on the 7th Nov 1876.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr P Peterson, M A, Professor of Oriental Languages in the Elphinstone College, is appointed to act in the 3rd grade, during the absence of Mr W A Russell on privilege leave.
Rao Saheb Bhaskar Chandavarkar, Headmaster, is appointed to act as Educational Inspr in the Southern Divn in the 4th grade.
Rao Saheb Pandoorung Venkatesh Chintaman Petkar is appointed to act as Dpty Educational Inspr Dharwar, but to continue substantive pro tem Canarese Translator until relieved by the permanent incumbent.
Rao Saheb Mohanlal Harbordass returned from the privilege leave granted him in Govt Resolution No 1207 of 8th Nov last, and resumed charge of his duties as Dpty Educational Inspr, 3rd Sind Distrn, on the forenoon of the 8th instant.
Rao Saheb Sitaram Vishvanath Patwardhan, B A, is confirmed in the appointment of Principal of the Poona Training College and Dakshina Examiner, vice Rao Saheb Narayan Bhai Dhandekar.

NOTIFICATIONS BY THE REVENUE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Maj H W Woodyatt delivered over and Mr S G Crawford received charge of the Office of Railway Mag, Khandesh, in the forenoon of the 2nd inst.
Mr A K Nairne delivered over and Mr W H Mulock received charge of the Office of First Asst Collr and Mag, Tanna, on 27th ultimo.
Rao Saheb Anaji Govind, Probationary Third Grade Mamlatdar of Shahada, in Khandesh, is confirmed in his appointment.
Mr W Shearer, Supt, Model Farm Dharwar, having resumed charge of his duties on the 13th ultimo, the unexpired portion of his leave, viz, from 13th to 16th Dec, is hereby cancelled.

THE ARMY.

(London Gazette, Dec. 1.)
WAR OFFICE, PALL MALL, 1ST DEC., 1876
4th Regiment of Foot.

General Studholme John Hodgson, from the 54th Foot, to be Colonel, vice General Sir John Bell, G. C. B., deceased. Dated 21st November, 1876.

54th Regiment of Foot.

Lieutenant-General David Elliot Mackirdy to be Colonel, vice General Studholme John Hodgson, transferred to the 4th Foot. Dated 21st November, 1876.

POSTAL NOTICES.

OVERLAND MAIL.

As the Overland Mail Steamers of the P. and O. S. N. Company leave Bombay every *Monday* soon after 7 P.M., the following are the hours for closing Mails :—
Letters will be received at the General Post Office up to 5-30 P.M.
Newspapers, Books, and Patterns up to 3 P.M.
Registered Letters up to 2 P.M:
Registered Letters, if fully prepaid together with an extra fee of 2 annas, will be received at the General Post Office between 2 and 4 P.M.
Late letters, if fully pre-paid by means of stamps in respect both of postage and of the late letter fee (2 annas), will be received at the Wellington Pier Post Office from 5-30 to 6-30 P.M.
The latest hour for posting ordinary Overland Covers at the several Branch Post Offices is 4 P.M., and registered letters at 1 P.M.
Fully pre-paid letters will be received on board the Overland Mail Steamer after 5 P.M., and up to starting time (7 P.M.) by the payment of an additional fee of 4 annas. All others will be refused.

The Overland Mail Steamers will leave Bombay as under :—

	7 P.M.		7 A.M.
Monday	Dec. 25	Monday.....	Jan. 8
„	Jan. 1	„	Jan. 15

TO CALCUTTA.

Touching at the several Coast Stations.

Mails to Calcutta, and for the several Coast Stations below Carwar per B. I. S. N. Company's Contract Steamers, are despatched from Bombay every Saturday.
The extra Steamer of the B I S N Company despatched from Bombay every Tuesday, will, until further notice, be discontinued and Mails for Ratnagiri and Vingoria will be forwarded by the regular Contract steamer leaving on every Saturday.
Registered and ordinary Letters, as well as Book and Sample Packets and Parcels, can be posted up to 1 P.M. at the G. P. O., and late fee letters up to 2 P.M. on the day of departure of the Steamer, as above shown.
The latest hour for posting at Branch Post Offices is 10-30 A.M.

Saturday.....	Dec. 23

MR. E. M. WALTON,
SURGEON DENTIST,
12 RAMPART ROW.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

DEATH.

HOGHTON—December 19th, at Rooree, of dysentery, William Hoghton, Esq, Inspector of Post Offices, Sind. (By Telegram from Kurrachee.)

MARRIAGES.

KELLY—DUNSTERVILLE—At St. Thomas' Church, Hyderabad, Sind, by the Revd. W. Clark, M. A., Joint Chaplain of Kurrachee, Harvey Hamilton Kelly, Esq., Captain 59th "Pompadours," youngest son of the late R. Hume Kelly, Esq., J. P. Glencara, Co. Westmeath, to Constance Jamson, eldest surviving daughter of Lieutenant Colonel Dunsterville, Bombay Staff Corps, Collector and Magistrate of Hyderabad.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

MARRIAGE.

SEALY—BEST—December 16th, at Naini Tal, by the Rev Fopham Blyth, E. Sealy, Esq, C. E., to Emily, eldest daughter of the late Major Best, B. C.

All MONEY ORDERS, CHEQUES, and other Remittance sent to this office, should be made payable to the "Proprietor of the *Bombay Gazette*."

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1876.

THE conference held on Wednesday between the Viceroy and his financial advisers on the one side, and a deputation of members of the Bomb

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS FOR THE BOMBAY GAZETTE.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ALLAHABAD, 21st DEC.

Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy resumed his journey yesterday to Delhi. He has quite recovered from the effects of the shock in the late accident.

Sir George Cowper's appointment as Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West Provinces has been confirmed.

Sir Lewis Pelly is detained by serious illness at Peshawur.

The Prince of Arcot left this morning for Delhi. All the chiefs have now passed through for Delhi.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE PROPOSED OCCUPATION OF BULGARIA.

ILLNESS OF THE PREMIER.

LONDON, 20TH DEC.

At a meeting of the Cabinet held to-day, it was decided to postpone any resolution upon General Ignatieff's proposal, pending a reference which has been made to the Queen.

Russia has made formal propositions that Belgian troops, to the number of six thousand, should occupy Bulgaria. Earl Beaconsfield is, however, adverse thereto, thinking that it is inadequate; further, it is doubtful if Belgium would accept such a proposal. Switzerland has already notified a refusal.

The Earl of Beaconsfield is unwell.

APPOINTMENT OF MIDHAT PASHA A GRAND VIZIER.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 20TH DEC.

Midhat Pasha has been appointed Vizier.

LATER.

An Imperial Hatt states that the nomination of Midhat is due to a desire of the Sultan for good government and a satisfactory solution to the questions now pending before the Conference. The manifesto, however, confirms the legitimate rights and interests of the Turkish Empire.

THE CONFERENCE.

The Foreign Envoys here have received despatches from their respective Governments approving of their decisions.

The Plenary Conference commences to morrow.

LONDON, 20TH DEC., AFT.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed very firm.
The London Cotton Market has been very firm.
Fair Dholera ..... 6¼d.
The Manchester Market has been quiet but steady.
3 per cent. Consols for account 95⅞
5 per cent. French Rente 1872 105
Bar Silver 56⅜

LINE REPORTS.—21ST DECEMBER.

Cable right to Far. Turkish line right to Pera. Russian line right to London.

STEAMER REPORT.

GALLE, 21ST DEC., 7-50 A.M.

Mail steamer Tanjore, from Calcutta, arrived.

GALLE, 21ST DEC., 6-5 P.M.

Mail steamer Travancore, from China, arrived.

OUR readers will find, in our to-day's Commercial article, some interesting remarks on the letter of Mr. Kittredge which we published yesterday.

THE *Times* publishes the following telegram, relating to Central Asia, from Berlin November 29th:—"The son of Yakub Bey has been taken prisoner by the Chinese."

THE following telegram was received in Bombay yesterday from Delhi:—"Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy, sons, and friends have all arrived here safe by the mail train. Sir Jamsetjee looks none the worse for the recent accident."

IN the reply which Lord Lytton made to the address from the Chamber of Commerce, and which we published yesterday, His Lordship is made to say that "the crops in the Bengal Presidency and in British Burma have been beautiful;" what Lord Lytton said was that the crops have been bountiful.

THE *Times of India*, the other day, in its report of Lord Lytton's speech at the opening of the Sailors' Home, contained one of the most ridiculous blunders we have ever seen. The Viceroy complimented Bombay on possessing a building which could shelter "occasional visitors, such as Jack Tars and Viceroys;" but the *Times of India's* reporter makes him speak not of Jack Tars and Viceroys but "*catarrhs and eyesores.*"

THE death on November 23rd is announced of Major-General Lincoln Stephen Hough, of the Bombay Staff Corps. He entered the Indian army in December, 1834, and served with a field force against the Bheels near Baroda in 1839. In the Persian war of 1856-57 he commanded the 2nd Beloochi Battalion, and was present at the assault and capture of Bushire, the surrender of Bushire, the action of Kooshab, the bombardment and capture of Mohumra, and the pursuit of the Persian army. He was appointed Major General on the 16th of August, 1868.

WITH a view to expedite the printing of several important papers in connection with the ensuing ceremonial at Delhi, a small printing office has been opened at the camp. The printing establishment attached to the office of the Private Secretary to the Viceroy which has lately returned from Simla, with some additional hands and printing materials, have recently been packed off to Delhi. We also learn from a Calcutta paper that several thousands of tickets for admittance, printed at the Government Central Press, and which are intended for issue there, have been sent off by rail.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to a contemporary from Delhi:—"The lawn in front of the Duke of Buckingham's tent is now laid out most tastefully; a perfect garden of beautiful plants, which have been brought from Madras, now strikes the beholder. The Governor of Bombay's ground is not so forward as it should be. Sir Richard Temple has his tents all up, and the tents for the officers who intend to accompany him. They will form a goodly company, judging from the number of tents which are pitched for their reception. I should suppose not less than a hundred tents are intended for their accommodation. Lady Temple and Miss Temple are already here and living in the Camp."

THE following announcement relating to the Duchess of Edinburgh, has been received from the Governor of Malta, and is published in the London papers on November 27th:—

"To THE COLONIAL MINISTER, DOWNING STREET.

"San Antonio Palace, Malta, Nov. 25, 7-55 p.m.

"This day, at 5-55 p.m., her Royal and Imperial Highness the Duchess of Edinburgh was safely delivered of a daughter.

"His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, as also His Excellency Sir Charles Thomas Van Straubenzee, G.C.B., the Governor of Malta (the latter in the absence of the Secretary of State for the Home Department) were present.

"Her Royal and Imperial Highness and infant are doing very well. The happy event will be made known to this community by a Royal salute to-morrow.

"CHARLES T. VAN STRAUBENZEE,
Governor, Malta."

A WRITER in the *Whitehall Review* says:—"I hear that there is considerable difference of opinion in what may be called high quarters as to where the Duchess of Edinburgh ought to reside in the event of a war with Russia, or even of an occupation by England of Constantinople. Her Imperial Highness inclines strongly to return to her family, at any rate until all the war troubles are over. But the Duke of Edinburgh and his Royal mother think that her proper place would be with her husband. The daughter of the Czar has a will of her own, and is not at all likely to give in, more particularly as she is strongly backed up in all she does by her own family. The probable result of the affair will be that if there is a shot fired in earnest the Duke will be obliged for family reasons to resign his command.

THE *Statesman* thinks that Mr. Wilson would have apologised to Sir Stuart Hogg if he had been asked to do so. "But, adds the *Statesman*, he thought more of punishing Mr. Wilson, than of vindicating his own fame. And we fear a good many officials behind him, also looked at the prosecution in the same way, the disappointment of whose hopes will be cause of lively satisfaction to a very large section of the community. It was difficult, indeed impossible we think, to account for the strong animus shown by the Counsel in the case, in any other way. An influential part of the community wanted to see Mr. Wilson punished for his long, and we admit not always fair opposition to Sir Stuart Hogg. That the verdict of the jury has disappointed these gentlemen, is a misfortune that may be borne, we think, with considerable equanimity."

THE *Gazette* of the 28th Nov. announces that her Majesty has signified her commands that a medal be granted to all persons, of every rank and class who were serving on board the Alert and the Discovery during the Arctic Expedition of 1875-76, and on board the yacht Pandora in her voyage to the Arctic regions in 1876. Arrangements having been made for the presentation of Captain Nares to the Queen on Thursday, the Mayor of Portsmouth received an intimation from the Captain that he would be unable to attend the banquet proposed to be given to the Artic officers on that evening. An inquiry was made whether the Queen would consent to the presentation on another day, in order that Captain Nares might attend the banquet, and the mayor has been informed by telegram that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to defer the ceremony till Friday.

THE *Standard* says that the Treasury and Admiralty have lately had under consideration the depreciation of the value of silver, and the changes which have taken place in the currencies of various countries in connection with the payment of wages and allowances to officers and men of Her Majesty's ships serving abroad. It has been found impossible, on account of the unsettled condition of the silver market, to establish permanent fixed rules for any foreign silver coin. The East Indian rupee and Mexican dollars on the East Indies and China stations are to be disbursed at rates fixed from time to time by the Treasury. All other silver coins will be issued at rates equivalent to those at which they are taken up. This measure has been adopted to remedy the losses sometimes suffered by officers and men on receiving their pay at the former fixed rate.

THE establishment of a floating hospital for the shipping of the port of Calcutta has now been finally settled. Instructions have lately been issued to the Medical Department to entertain the necessary medical establishment, and to arrange other details in connection with the said scheme, which has just been forwarded by the Surgeon-General to the Deputy Surgeon-General of the Presidency Division for his opinion and report. The *Indian Daily News* states that the local Government, in communication with the Marine authorities and the Port Commissioners, has fixed Hastings as the proper place for the mooring of the hulk Guide, which has been purchased by Government for the purpose at a cost of Rs. 12,000. It is said that the proposed new institution is virtually to be a branch establishment of the General Hospital; but is to be placed under the direct control of the Port Surgeon, who is to be the Superintendent of the Hospital, and the expenses are to be met from the Port dues.

WRITING on November 29th the Vienna correspondent of the *Times* says:—"As I informed you a few days ago, a communication was made to the Powers about the position which Russia will take up at the Conference, and in which the question of occupation was brought forward in a positive form. The communication was made in the form of a circular despatch addressed to the Russian representatives abroad. The occupation is, however, put there only as a means to an end—namely, as a guarantee for the effectual carrying out of the reforms contained in the well-known 11 points. Nor does Russia mean to claim the right of occupation for herself alone, but wishes that the other Powers should take part in it. If, however, these should refuse, Russia must secure the object in view by taking the execution in her own hands. As for the Turkish Constitution, Russia will ignore it as not fit for discussion, while any reference of Turkey to the Treaty of Paris will be met by an objection that Turkey herself, by not meeting her obligations of improving the condition of the Christians, has invalidated it. This is the general line to be followed, but it seems that General Ignatieff will have great discretionary powers."

VISCOUNT MILDSTONE, son and heir of the Earl of Winchilsea and Nottingham, enlisted in the Royal Artillery for the second time on the 23rd of November, and was attested in the presence of Mr. Balguy, the sitting magistrate, at Woolwich police-court. He paid smart money to release himself from a similar engagement on the previous Monday. He was, however, refused by the officer commanding the regiment, who exercised the power which he possesses of disapproving and discharging any recruit who may be in his opinion objectionable. It is stated that Lord Maidstone has since enlisted in a cavalry regiment. An adjudication of bankruptcy has been made against him, and his case was before the court on Tuesday. He was not examined, and no statement of his affairs was rendered. The *Army and Navy Gazette* states that the eldest son of another Earl has joined the ranks of the 2nd Regiment of Life Guards as a trooper, because it is said that doubts were entertained as to his being able to pass the necessary examination for an officer's commission. And determined, at all events, to be a soldier, he enlisted as a private with the view of winning promotion by good conduct or gallantry in the field.

SOME remarkable discoveries by Dr. Schliemann at Mycenæ are reported in telegrams to the *Times*. One despatch says:—"In the great circle of parallel slabs beneath the archaic sepulchral stones, considered by Pausanias, following tradition, as the tombs of Atreus, Agamemnon, Cassandra, Eurymedon, and their companions, Dr. Schliemann has discovered immense tombs containing jewellery. He found recently in one portion of a tomb human bones, male and female, plate, jewellery of pure archaic gold weighing five kilogrammes, two sceptres with heads of crystal, and chased objects in silver and bronze. It is impossible to describe the rich variety of the treasure." A later telegram states that Dr. Schliemann in the same tomb has found a great quantity of women's jewellery in gold, and handsomely worked. Immediately after commencing excavations at an adjoining tomb a large head of a cow in silver, with immense horns of pure gold, was found. A large girdle of gold, five gold vases, and immense golden buttons were also found. All these objects are said to be marvellously worked. Among other discoveries are nine silver vases and numerous swords of bronze, but no trace of ironwork.

WHAT they are going to do in Calcutta on Proclamation day will appear from the following paragraph from the *Englishman*:—"At the meeting at the Town Hall on Saturday, to consider the conduct of public rejoicings on the proclamation of the Queen's new title, Mr. Buckland, the Commissioner of the Presidency Division, explained the arrangements he has in view. A canvas pavilion, big enough to hold several thousand people, is to be erected on the *maidan*, and in the centre of this, upon a dais, the presiding officer will sit, supported by the judges of the High Court, and the residue of the *élite* of Calcutta not drafted to Delhi. It is not stated whether the 'biggest' officer in the garrison at the Fort, magnificent in tabard and heraldic array, will read the proclamation; but there will be a demonstration of all the troops available, to impart the dignity necessary to the occasion; and after the reading of the proclamation, a royal salute will be fired, and the bands will play 'God save the Queen,' somewhat inappropriately it appears to us, we must confess. After 'God save the Queen,' eighty gentlemen are to receive certificates of honour at the rate of two a minute; and the proceedings will conclude with a march past of all the troops."

THE *North German Gazette*, dated Berlin, November 29, discussing Mr. Carlyle's letter on the Eastern Question, says:—

Germany, for herself, can but feel honoured by the trust which the most profound judge of the history and vital political interests of Great Britain is willing to place in the hands of the German Imperial Chancellor. Similarly Mr. Carlyle's views as to the task imposed on English policy—in describing the support of Turkey as an impossibility and an understanding with Russia and Austria as urgent—cannot but touch a highly sympathetic chord in us. It might, however, be difficult to solve the Eastern Question by means of an arbitrament unless England, Russia, and Austria agree beforehand to carry into effect the judgment of the arbiter by all the means in their power, and when such a degree of accord between the three Powers is attained the Eastern Question will hardly further require the decision of an arbiter. Be that, however, as it may, the proposal has a high historical value from the man and the land whence it emanates, and on account of the man and the land whither it is addressed, and the moment at which it is made—namely, when the Conference is about to assemble at Constantinople, and Turkey is hastening to anticipate every action of Europe by drawing the brightly-coloured curtain of a seemingly constitutional comedy over the bloody drama of Bulgaria.

In conclusion the *North German Gazette* says:—

We do not believe that there is a Government in Europe which could be deceived by this farce, which is merely a repetition, with a modern coat of paint, of the Hatti Scheriff formerly resorted to in such cases.

A SCHEME of immigration on a large scale had been matured by the Madras Government, the object being to import labour from Kurnool and Bellary for carrying out the proposed famine relief works on the East Coast Canal. The first batch of labourers, however, positively refused to work at the wages offered and have set out on the journey home again to Cuddapah. A correspondent of the *Madras Mail* writing from Nellore of these coolies says:—

They received 14 annas each at Cuddapah, got 3 or 4 annas more passing through here, and expected much at the works. Starting thus and with a very vague idea of the work in store for them, men of various castes, but principally weavers and their families, arrived at Rambervtham. Then they found the regulations in force of a totally unexpected nature. No daily cooly allowed; task work at the rate of one anna and three pie per cubic yard of excavation, being established custom. The coolies received a measure of rice each, women, children and all, and were given a day's rest. On the following day, they were given work, and told to purchase their food requirements out of their earnings. This they declined to do. They demanded four annas a man, and three annas a woman daily pay, which being refused, they started back for Nellore the same evening *en route* for Cuddapah again. They complain too that they got no salt or condiments to eat with their rice; there was no bazar of any kind in camp. These men have stopped other batches at Nellore, and will no doubt do an immense amount of mischief in spreading evil reports about the works and keeping others away, unless prompt measures are taken to stop all returning coolies on the high roads and send them back to the canal.

THE *Insurance Record* of Nov. 24th in announcing the death on Tuesday, Nov. 21st, of Mr. Thomas Hutchinson Baylis, one of the best known insurance men of a bygone period, says:—He was the son of the late Mr. Edward Baylis, a promoter of insurance companies, and followed somewhat closely in his father's footsteps. In 1850 he became manager of the *Trafalgar* life; in 1852 he was general manager of the *Unity* Fire, an office which he aided in founding; in 1854 he promoted the *Unity General* Life, of which he became managing director, and subsequently he established the *Unity Bank*. These three Unities have long since become "absorbed." In 1857 Mr. Baylis brought out the *British Foreign and Colonial* Insurance Association, and in 1858 his great scheme of Consols Life Assurance Association was registered, and after a severe struggle passed into liquidation in 1862. His latest project, and we believe the only one that survives him, is the Positive Government Security Life Assurance Company, Limited, which, like most of his former creations, has special features. Mr Baylis frequently figured in legal contests in connection with his various companies, and cannot be said to have lived an easy or an enviable life. He was essentially a man of great schemes, few of which answered his sanguine expectations. His health had been declining for the last three or four years, and hence it was, probably, that at the time of his decease he was unconnected with any insurance institution.

THE *Times'* correspondent at Vienna sent on November 27th the following telegram to that paper:—

Besides the conference of three hours at the Foreign Office on Saturday, Lord Salisbury and Count Andrassy had another opportunity for conferring yesterday morning, when Count Andrassy called at the British embassy at 11 a.m., and remained there till 12-30 p.m.

The general impression derived from Lord Salisbury's presence here is decidedly pacific. So far from there being any danger of the British Government allowing itself to be biased by any feeling of suspicion and distrust in Russia's secret and ulterior designs, the British Government, starting from the supposition that the purposes of Russia is as honest and disinterested as its own, seems ready to go to the utmost limits in the concessions, affording thus every means to the Russian Government for satisfying the requirements of its own internal position, and enabling it to withdraw from the advanced position which it has taken up. Lord Salisbury could in his turn convince himself that the same disposition exists here likewise, although, perhaps, not quite the same confidence in the efficacy of this policy of avoiding a collision by going out of the way of it. Here, not less than in Berlin, the conviction has been growing more and more that matters have gone too far to be stopped peacefully, and the occupation of Bulgaria or one or another form has now become almost a sort of political and military point of honour for Russia, from which no concession in another direction will make her recede; while, however much the circumstances such an occupation might be, neither the influence of England nor the moral authority of all the Guaranteeing Powers would induce Turkey to acquiesce. It seems rather characteristic in this respect that the idea of occupation has been brought forward more positively than ever before by Russia within the last few days; and if I am not mistaken, since Lord Salisbury's departure from England. Although often before touched upon and brought forward as an opinion and suggestion, it is now, I hear, first brought forward as part of the Russian programme, which is entirely based on the Syrian precedent, in which, as it may be remembered, the Occupation was the first step. As part of the European Commission, the Syrian precedent is so far departed from that the Commission in this case would have a more permanent character than the Commission had in Syria. Since near to the opening of the Conference, it may seem natural that Russia should on her side more precisely indicate the position which she means to take up there; but, on the other side, the coincidence of these communications with Lord Salisbury's tour to the different Courts will not fail to strike every one as not being quite fortuitous.

THE DEOLALEE RIFLE MEETING.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—The Deolalee Rifle Meeting is to come off on the 28th and 29th of the current month. I enclose you a programme which will give you an idea of the great interest taken in getting it up; the prizes are well worth competing for, and some good scores may be looked for; the range is one of the best in India, and every facility for comfort and enjoyment will be afforded by the committee of management and residents generally. That the meeting will be well attended there is no doubt, as we have the support of the Colonel and all the officers, N. C. officers and men of the G. I. P. Railway Volunteers, and under the able management of our distinguished Commandant and his committee, we have no doubt the Deolalee Rifle Meeting will prove a great success.

THE BOMBAY TRADES' ASSOCIATION.

THE following letter has been sent to us for publication:—

To the President and Committee, Sassoon Mechanics' Institute, Bombay.

Gentlemen,—I am directed by the Committee of the Bombay Trades' Association to invite your attention to the benefit that would result to a large number of young men residing in and near the Fort, if the Library and Reading Room were kept open in the evenings until, say, about 10 o'clock, as such institutions are in England. The evenings are the only time available to young men engaged in business, and the advantages of your institution are practically closed to such as well as to all who are employed in the day time and reside at a distance from the Fort. The Committee believe that such a step as they suggest would financially benefit the institute itself, but it is in the interest of the large class they allude to, and to whom at present almost no other evening resort but the billiard room is open, that they now offer the suggestion, and they trust that, considering the original aim of the Mechanics' Institute, the absence of all other public European libraries, and the increasing necessity for some such attraction for Europeans in the evenings, you will think it deserving of your consideration.

I may mention that several employers have expressed their readiness to assist by subscription if expense is the only serious obstacle—I have the honour, &c.

W. J. FARROW, Secretary,
Bombay Trades' Association.

Bombay, 21st December 1876.

Holloway's Pills.—Sudden changes, frequent fogs, and pervading dampness severely impede the vital functions and conduce to ill-health. The remedy for such disorders lies in some purifying medicine, like these Pills, which is competent to grapple successfully with the mischief at its source, and stamp it out without fretting the nerves or weakening the system. Holloway's Pills extract from the blood all noxious matter, regulate the action of every disordered organ, stimulate the liver and kidneys, and relax the bowels. In curing chest complaints, these Pills are remarkably effective, especially when aided by a free local application of the Ointment. This double treatment will ensure a certain and speedy return to beneficient progress, and sound health will soon be re-established.

BOMBAY.

THE LIQUOR LICENCES.—The liquor licences which have been usually granted for one year, will run for only seven months in 1877. Some new conditions are to be inserted in the licences, one of which is that liquor sellers will be obliged to show from their accounts from whom the liquor has been purchased, and what price has been paid for it. These accounts the Commissioner of Police will have the right to inspect at all reasonable times.

MORTUARY RETURNS.—The total number of deaths registered during the week ending Tuesday, 19th December, was 458, being 37 more than in the preceding week, 78 more than the total of the week ending 21st December 1875, and 100 more than the mean of the corresponding period in the preceding five years. During the week 275 births were reported in the different districts of the city. The rate of mortality per 1,000 of the population was 34·21.

STATEMENT OF SILVER BALANCE IN THE MINT.—The value of silver in the Mint on the morning of the 11th December 1876 was Rs. 84,02,533; add silver received during the week, Rs. 30,85,900. The sum of Rs. 8,81,935 in new coin was paid during the week; the balance left was Rs. 1,06,06,498. There is in addition tendered under Coinage Act Rs. 6,92,431, tendered under Currency Act Rs. 48,13,983, or a total of Rs. 55,06,414 worth silver bullion belonging to private individuals deposited in the Mint vaults and awaiting assay.

THE ADELPHI HOTEL CASE.—Yesterday, before Sir Charles Sargent, in Chambers, a guardian *ad litem* to the infant children of Jaiji, the second defendant, and the widow of the late Pallonjee Pestonjee, was appointed; the gentleman selected, on the nomination of the plaintiff, being Mr. Cowasjee Cursetjee Jamsetjee (the second son of Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy, Bart.) The appointment was excepted to, but his Lordship ruled that the plaintiff was entitled to nominate who should be the guardian for the purposes of the suit.

PROSECUTIONS BY THE AGENTS OF THE S. P. C. A.—Urjoon Hurry, a cartman, for working his bullock in Duncan Road, the animal being lame of the off foreleg, was fined Rs. 3.—Panjee Govind, a cartman, for working his bullock in Clare Road, the animal being lame of the near foreleg, was fined Rs. 3.—Balloo Bhowance, a water cartman, for working his bullock near Parsee Bazaar Street, the animal having a large ulcer on its neck, was fined Rs. 15.—Kitan Gikeson, a cartman, for working his bullock in Duncan Road, the animal being lame of the off foreleg, was fined Rs. 1.—Tookaram Crishna, a cartman, for working his bullock in Duncan Road, the animal being lame of the near foreleg, was fined Rs. 3.

THE BOMBAY METHODIST CHURCH SOIREE AT THE TOWN HALL.—On Tuesday evening last, at the Town Hall, the members of the Methodist Church in Bombay held a *soirée* at which about five hundred persons were present, the admission being by tickets at Re. 1 each. One object of the meeting was to provide funds for the annual treat to the children of the Sunday school, and judging from the number present, this object must have been attained. Tea, cakes and a little fruit formed, as is usual at the meetings of Methodists, a substantial and agreeable commencement of the proceedings of the evening and served the excellent purpose of making every one feel at ease with his neighbour. The tea and cakes disposed of, the singing of hymns to Moody and Sankey tunes commenced. Several young ladies and gentlemen came forward on the platform making a large choir, one of the ladies accompanying on a piano. The singing was, however, wanting in animation, though the music was lively enough, but the rather heavy and gloomy characteristics of the Methodists, who are nevertheless highly intelligent and useful members of society, may, perhaps, account for the unsatisfactory impressions left by the musical portion of the evening's duties. Short addresses on purely religious topics were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Row, the pastor in charge of the Bombay circle of Methodists, the Rev. W. Robbin, and the Rev. Buchanan Blake, of the Free Church Mission. The proceedings closed about 10 p.m. with the usual benediction pronounced by the Rev. W. Mackichon.

A FRANTIC MAHOMEDAN.—Yesterday a Mahomedan mendicant, named Hossain bux Mahomedeen, was charged before Mr. C. P. Cooper, the Senior Magistrate, at the Fort Police Court, with committing an assault against the person of Ladooba Luximon, an inspector in the service of the Bombay Tramway Company. The evidence for the prosecution went to show that about a quarter past 8 o'clock that morning, while the tram car was proceeding along the Bhendy Bazaar Road, towards Byculla, defendant came up and got hold of the horses' heads by the reins and requested the driver to stop, accusing him that he was offending defendant by passing his musjid without the permission of his *Allah*. Thereupon complainant slighted from the car and went up to defendant, on which defendant raised an open knife! Complainant being alarmed at this immediately ran back. On this defendant went towards the driver with the knife in hand, the driver ran away, and the defendant then made towards the native passengers in the car, who also moved away from defendant's reach. Meanwhile, a police constable, seeing the affray, secured the prisoner and took the knife, which was an ordinary clasp knife, from his possession. Prisoner in his defence made a rambling statement as to being a stranger in Bombay and about to go on a pilgrimage to Mecca, adding that he was doing the act with the permission of Mahomed, the prophet. He further said that none but the followers of Mahomed should exist in this world, and made similar statements. Prisoner had the appearance of being insane. His Worship remanded the prisoner to jail up to the 2nd proximo, with an order to the Police Surgeon to examine the prisoner whether he is sane or insane.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL.

THE annual meeting of friends and supporters of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel was held yesterday evening in the Darbar Room of the Town Hall. The Bishop of Bombay presided; and there was a fair attendance of ladies and gentlemen. Among the latter were observed the Rev. Messrs. Maule, Robertson, Gilder, Ledgard, Diago, Johnston, Gadney, Dulley and Page; the Hon. Mr. Justice Finbey; Dr. Codrington; Captain Jervoise; Messrs. Fletcher, Hussey, Hastings, Beyts, Smith, and others.

The Secretary, the Rev. Mr. Maule, read the report of the Committee on the operations of the past year, the result of which was considered satisfactory.

On the motion of Captain Jervoise, seconded by Mr. W. H. Hussey, the report read to the meeting was unanimously adopted.

The Secretary read the names of the newly-elected Committee, which were as follows:—

President—the Lord Bishop of Bombay.

Vice-President—The Venble the Archdeacon.

Committee—The Hon. Mr. Justice Kemball, the Hon. Mr. Justice Pinhey, Dr. Cook, Dr. Codrington, Rev. G. C. Raynell, Rev. C. F. H. Johnston, Rev. A. G. Lewis, T. F. Pannett, Esq., L. Fletcher, Esq., H. T. Mackenzie, Esq.

Honorary Treasurer—W. Wells, Esq.

Honorary Secretary—Rev. W. Maule.

The Bishop then addressed the meeting. There were, his Lordship said, several points in the report which were subjects of congratulation to the friends of the Society; and though there was cause to depress the spirits, yet it was not such as should lead true Christians to despair. There were features in the course of the past year, on which they might be allowed to think with congratulation. Having come lately from England, and seen the enthusiasm which has recently sprung up there, he might with reason express the sense of his thankfulness for the interest which mission work in Western India had awakened generally. The most encouraging of the signs was the change which had lately passed over the spirit of our Universities. It was not only in the Universities alone that this revived interest in mission work was felt, but it was spreading from congregation to congregation. People were now praying in England, and they could not do so without their spirit spreading here. True, they were only a few in that room—and although it was not becoming in them that they should only be so few—yet they must take heart and be "forward and bold" within due limits. But congratulation was not all that one had to speak of on this occasion. His Lordship here passed a deserved eulogy on the late Bishop Douglas whose words and whose life did more than those of any other man to produce the change in the spirit of mission work here. But in noticing the matters of congratulation, the Bishop asked his hearers to recollect that humiliation was a Christian's first duty.

The Rev. Mr. Raynell proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop for his interesting address.

The Rev. Mr. Robertson, in seconding the vote of thanks, said he could not do so without saying a word. It was matter of congratulation to themselves that they had obtained a Bishop, whose heart and soul was entirely in his work, (applause) and he (Mr. Robertson) trusted every one present would unite with him in striving by their prayer and by their efforts to sustain the labours of His Lordship. In conclusion, Mr. Robertson had much pleasure in seconding the vote of thanks for the "excellent and edifying exhortation" to which they has listened. (Applause.)

The Bishop acknowledged the thanks, and the meeting closed with prayer about 7 p.m.

WILLARD AND HUDSON'S ENTERTAINMENT.

WE regret to say that, notwithstanding the excellence of this entertainment, it is nightly only very poorly patronised by the public. For instance, on Wednesday evening Messrs. Willard and Hudson gave as amusing an entertainment as any one could have wished; yet the number of people in all parts of the house might almost have been counted on one's fingers. This, to say the least, must be disheartening to the excellent little company, and we hope the Bombay public will yet do the reputation of the city justice by coming forward to patronise a really good entertainment when they get it. The ladies are very pleasant—Miss Wynn sings a sweet song sweetly, and Mdlle. Terlecki plays the piano with great skill. Hudson is the most amusing nigger and the best clog dancer that has ever come to India, and we doubt if any other performer in the same line in the world can beat him. Mr. Willard performs a wonderful bone solo, showing the most marvellous dexterity with these somewhat primitive instruments; very few persons, moreover, could contrive to get such good music out of them. The ventriloquist is very surprising and amusing. The whole performance, as we have said, is excellent, and it really should be better countenanced than it is. Players cannot live on a "beggarly array of empty benches," however much the Bombay public may wish to try the experiment on Messrs. Willard and Hudson.

This evening the programme is very attractive. Mr. Clifford Willard has written a new song, which has been set to music by Mr. J. Locke Gray, the Organist of the Cathedral, and which Miss Marguerite Wynn will sing, accompanied (for this night only) by the composer. Mr. C. Willard will present each visitor to the dress circle and stalls with a copy of this song, the words of which are as follows:—

THE DURBAR FESTIVAL SONG.

Written by
CLIFFORD WILLARD.

Lo! the gladsome day is coming—
Princes, Peers, and Nobles all
Are to Delhi quickly running
To the Durbar Festival.
Ev'ry heart like one is panting
To be present at a scene,
That for grandeur e'er enchanting
Ne'er before has equall'd been.

Go, then, forth with brazen trumpets,
And let nought your tones suppress,
For the gladsome day is coming
When our Queen's proclaim'd Empress.

Men are coming from each nation,
Great and small there both will be,
Mixed together in one station
At this chevisance jubilee.
And then when the word is given
To proclaim in one address,
All will join and ask of Heaven
Blessings on the New Empress.

Go, then, forth with brazen trumpets,
&c., &c., &c.

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENTS IN SURAT.

WE give below a few extracts from the official report of Mr. J. M. Pratt, Collector of Surat, addressed to the Secretary, Bombay Government:—

I have the honour to submit my report on agriculture and various experiments for the year ending 31st March 1876, as called for in your memorandum No. 1051, dated 4th instant.

The monsoon commenced early and the season was favourable for the cultivation of cotton and other agricultural crops, and sowing operations in general were performed in good time.

The total fall of rain at Surat was 48 in. 17 cents.

In June and July unusually heavy rain fell, and on low lying swampy pieces of land the superabundant water lay for a time on the surface, and destroyed a good many of the young cotton plants, and consequently caused a good deal of re-sowing to be done afterwards. The cotton plants in general this season grew to a large size, but from some cause or other the out-turn is not quite so satisfactory as was at one time expected. The very cloudy weather in January proved injurious to the crops, causing a good many bolls to open prematurely, which consequently lessened the out-turn considerably. Boll-worm was likewise more plentiful than last year; this destructive insect being generally more abundant after a heavy monsoon.

The early sown cotton is considered to have given the best out-turn. Owing to the later rain having been very light in some parts, the late made sowings have been less productive, still most of the cotton I have seen this season at the various ginning factories and other places was a very fair quality.

Owing to the cotton market being dull in January and the early part of February, the ginning factories had not full work at the commencement of the season, on account of the cultivators keeping back their kuppas, in order to obtain a higher price. However, a great deal of ginning was accomplished in the month of March while the price of cotton was high. Many cultivators sold off all their kuppas in March, while others have still a lot on hand. There being still a good deal of cotton in the district, I am at this date able to give the out-turn; however, as far as I can ascertain it is considered to be about a twelve anna crop or under.

Jowaree was a fair crop, with the exception of very low lying pieces of land, where the superabundance of water lay on the surface in the early part of the monsoon, which checked the growth of the plants, causing them to have a yellow unhealthy appearance; most of them recovered afterwards pretty well, although the out-turn of grain was less on submerged land.

The rice crops in general appears to have been satisfactory, although at some places complaints are made that the late rains were rather light and consequently affected the out-turn slightly. This may have been the case in some instances, but not to any great extent so far as I can learn.

Miscellaneous crops cultivated generally on light land, such as bajree, kodre, nagli, val and bantee, &c. did satisfactorily.

Wheat and other cold weather crops are said to have turned out well.

Rhea Fibre Plant—I obtained about 100 cuttings of this plant in February last and planted them by way of experiment. The most of them are growing. A few of the plants are now about two feet high. Of course they cannot be expected to grow rapidly during the hot weather. I am hopeful they will produce good results.

I distributed a few pounds of jute (*corchorus capsularis*) seed to several owners of Khar reclamations last monsoon with the view of introducing its cultivation on reclaimed land. Mr. Ansell was successful in growing a small quantity on a piece of ground on his reclamation. A small quantity of fibre, produced from the plants thus grown was of fair quantity. Mr. Ansell is anxious to give it a further trial. I do not think there have been any experiments tried previously in this district with this valuable fibre. I propose having a series of small experiments this year in different parts of the district in order to give it a fair trial. The jute plants require abundance of moisture in the growing season. I am of opinion it will be found to thrive in many wet swampy places, where other crops would fail. The higher the plants grow the more they grow so much the better. The longer the fibre procured it will be of the more value.

Casuarina Muricata—You are aware a larger quantity of *casuarinas* have been raised from seed this season with the view of trying how this valuable tree will succeed on the seaboard tracts of waste land; a quantity of fibre producing trees and plants have likewise been propagated suitable for planting on reclamations, waste land, and other places available. These trees and plants are now ready for transplanting into the permanent places they are to occupy.

In the Madras Presidency on seaboard tracts *casuarinas* are planted very extensively and grow extremely rapidly. From the time the seed is planted they are fit for cutting after 7 years; and thereafter every three years from young shoots springing up from the old roots. Could the *casuarina* be got to succeed and grow as rapidly in this Presidency on large tracts of seaboard land, it would be of immense value, and be the means of enhancing the revenue to Government.

Selection of Cotton Seed.—While travelling through the districts in connection with agriculture and cotton inspection duties, I have taken every opportunity of conversing with the cultivators on agriculture, and have impressed upon them the great importance of selecting the best seed for sowing purposes. Many of them are by no means ignorant of the importance of superior seed for sowing, and allow it would be more remunerative for them to preserve the best seed for this purpose. However this may be, they generally prefer to mix up the last picked cotton with the first and sell it all to the merchant without keeping in reserve any for seed. All the cotton is mixed up together and taken to the ginning factories and ginned; the good and bad seed all getting mixed up together in this process. And so when sowing time comes round, instead of having reserved a quantity of the best selected seed by them for sowing, they must go to the bunnia and purchase sufficient seed to sow their fields. The seeds thus obtained is generally most of the inferior description, and frequently a large proportion of it does not germinate, thus causing loss and disappointment to the farmers.

The same applies to grain crops. During harvest no recourse is had with reference to selecting the best matured seed for sowing. After the crop is reaped it is generally kept by the farmers for some time and is afterwards thrashed out at the time. It is then sold to the merchant or bunnia, none being kept in reserve for sowing. At the approach of seed-time again the farmers must go to the bazar and procure seed, which often turns out most unsatisfactory. The poor cultivators, wishing to purchase as cheap as possible, are thus often furnished with very bad seed for sowing. When telling the farmers here of the system adopted by the farmers in Great Britain, of selecting the very best seed during harvest, and preserving it carefully by them for sowing purposes, the farmers here admit the superiority of this system over theirs.

But the dislike here to change is very great, even when they see it would be to their advantage. However, I believe it is only a question of time when a few of the more intelligent take the lead in the selection of seed, others will soon be found to follow.

It will therefore be seen from the nature of the experiments tried during the past year it is impossible that any immediate return can be realized.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

BOMBAY, 20th Dec. 1876.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer (corrected	32 deg. Fah ..... 29·912
Temperature of the Air	76·4
Wet Bulb Thermometer	68·8
Dew Point	65·7
Relative humidity of Air	·725
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky cloude'=•1).	0·2
Maximum temperature of air (read at 6 p.m.)	81·4
Minimum do. do. (read at 9-30 a.m.)	68·4
General Direction of wind	N, NE, WNW, NW, NNW, N
Movement of wind in 24 hours	204

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THE CONFERENCE AND THE ARMISTICE.

(Fall Mall Budget, December, 1.)

LORD SALISBURY has not yet reached Constantinople. He left Berlin on the morning of Friday, the 24th ult, and arrived at Vienna at night. At two o'clock on Saturday he was received in audience by the Emperor. The audience lasted about half an hour, and afterwards the British Plenipotentiary went to the Foreign Office and had a long conference with Count Andrassy. He was present at a Court dinner in the evening, and afterwards there was a soiree which he attended at the British Embassy. His lordship left Vienna on Sunday afternoon for Rome, where he arrived on Wednesday. On Thursday he was to have an interview with the Foreign Minister and to be received by the King, and on Friday morning he was to start by special train for Brindisi. He is expected to arrive at Constantinople on the 5th of December, and the Conference, it is now stated, will commence on the 15th.

Of the results of Lord Salisbury's conferences with the Ministers of the Great Powers we have no authentic information. From Vienna we learn that a communique from an official source has been telegraphed to the provincial and foreign papers which says:—"The Marquis of Salisbury in conversation here laid stress upon the fact that England does not appear at the conference as Russias's adversary in principle. All would depend upon Russia putting forth her demands in a manner which would guarantee the rights of the Christian subjects without overthrowing the sovereignty of the Porte. England would not consider it a violation of that sovereignty if the Porte were before Europe to enter into distinct obligations respecting her subjects, and if the Powers on the introduction of such guarantees were to co-operate on Turkish territory." According to a Reuter's telegram from St. Petersburg, it is semi-officially stated there that the conversations which Lord Salisbury has had at Berlin and Vienna with Prince Bismarck and Count Andrassy will probably have convinced him that the intimate relations between the three Imperial Courts remain unchanged, and that the reserve which has hitherto restrained Russia from taking extreme steps, to which she has been provoked on several occasions during the development of the Eastern Question, is to be attributed to the consideration felt to be due to the German Emperor and the Emperor of Austria. Russia (the despatch proceeds) will not put forward the occupation of Bulgaria as her principal demand at the Conference, but her representative will positively declare that the projected Turkish Constitution cannot be discussed, that the autonomy of the provinces must be guaranteed, and that an occupation appears to be the best means of rendering such guarantee effectious. Should the other Powers be willing to participate in this occupation, Russia would even now prefer such a solution; but, if not, Russia, in order to attain the objects sanctioned by the Berlin Memorandum, must carry out this measure single-handed. On the other hand, it is stated that the Porte has declared itself ready to consider all reasonable proposals of reforms and guarantees which will be presented to it; but that any partial occupation of its territory must not be thought of. It is also stated that a Note has been issued by the Porte to its diplomatic representatives abroad declaring the proposals made for a disarmament of Mussulmans and the expulsion of Circassians from the so-called Christian provinces practically impossible.

Various other rumours respecting the proposals which are to be laid before the Conference are published. The Constantinople correspondent of the *Cologne Gazette* communicates to that journal the reform project for Bulgaria which Russia will propose. It creates a Bulgaria stretching from the Danube far into Macedonia, demands a Christian governor-general who must speak the language of the country, establishes a militia in which Turks and Bulgarian shall possess equal rights, and founds an indigenous administration of the country and of justice which reduces Turkish influence to a minimum. The Prussian correspondent of the *Times* states that the Porte intends moving at the Conference for an international arbitrament upon the question whether Russia was entitled to allow the despatch of volunteers to Servia. In the event of the answer to this question being in the negative, the Porte will demand a large indemnity for the prolongation of the Servian war occasioned by the Russian arrivals. The Austrian correspondent of the same journal says it is not unlikely that the Prince of Montenegro will raise a claim to be admitted to the Conference, basing his claim on his *de facto* independence, which has been recently admitted by his recognition as a belligerent. Bozo Petrovics is named as the man who would represent him.

The Comte de Chaudordy and the Comte de Bourgoing, French Delegates to the Conference, have arrived at Constantinople. The second Austrian Plenipotentiary to the Conference will be Baron Calice, at present the Austrian diplomatic agent in Roumania. He left Vienna for Constantinople on Monday. Edhem Pasha, the Turkish ambassador at Berlin, who has been appointed the second representative of the Porte at the Conference, also left Vienna for Constantinople on Monday. The Prussian correspondent of the *Times* says that Prince Bismark found it impossible to receive Edhem Pasha before his departure. The Prince, however, is said to have given Turkey to understand that she had better yield to Russia if she wishes to avoid war.

A semi-official despatch from St. Petersburg, dated Saturday night, says:—"The publication of Lord A. Loftus's report was necessary, because Lord Beaconsfield's speech and Lord Derby's despatch, published before the reception, were in contradiction to the satisfaction and thanks telegraphed to Levadia by Queen Victoria and Lord Derby for the high value of the Emperor's spontaneous declarations. England must, nevertheless, be congratulated on having proposed the Conference, obtained the Porte's adhesion, and delegated Lord Salisbury. The new English scheme of a Commission of Control, with foreign police, would have all the inconveniences of half-measures, all the disadvantages without the advantage of occupation. It indicates, however, that the proper path is beginning to be entered on."

News of military preparations still come from Russia. Letters received from St. Petersburg in Berlin state that six corps of the Prath army have been supplied with clothing for a winter campaign, and that the staff of the Commander-in-Chief has been organized. In Hamburg it is rumoured that the Russian Government has bought 45,000 old Austrian muskets, and concluded contracts with German firms for the manufacture of 3,500 torpedoes of special construction. It is stated by a Berlin paper that the Russian Minister of War has given orders for the purchase on a large scale of maps of Turkey, the Danubian Principalities, Hungary, Galicia, and Transylvania. It is announced from St. Petersburg that the subscriptions in that city and Moscow alone, to the new Russian loan exceed the amount required. The correspondent of the *Nord* writes:—"There is no doubt that the loan (of 100,000,000 roubles) will be largely subscribed. There are some elements for forming a judgment for those who doubt the possibility of Russia facing the expenses of a war." A Copenhagen correspondent, writing on the 21st ult., says:—As a proof of the extent to which the Russian Government is preparing for all emergencies, I can inform you that one of the largest wholesale houses in the clothing and outfitting line here in Copenhagen received a couple of days ago an order for several thousand Russian uniforms, to be delivered within a short time. The report of the intention of the Russian Government to establish a depot for the Imperial navy in the vicinity of Copenhagen is now said to be founded on fact. The Danish Government having, however, informed the English Government of the *pourparlers* entered into with the Russian Government, Sir Charles Lennox Wyke, K.C.B., the British Minister at this Court, at once entered a strong protest, and even intimated the necessity under which her Majesty's Government might feel of taking stronger measures to prevent such an attempt at encroachment."

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